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**Cal Poly Chandler Quilt Raffle Will Raise Money for Scholarships**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- A team of Cal Poly Student Affairs employees and friends has completed a quilt with the theme, "Textures of Our Community," to be raffled in September to raise money for student scholarships in honor of longtime university supporters Everett and Arlene Chandler.

Everett Chandler served as dean of students and was the chief officer of Student Affairs at Cal Poly during his career. His wife, Arlene Chandler, was founder of Cal Poly's Week of Welcome freshman orientation program. The couple continues to support and be involved with the Retired Faculty and Staff Club, the Kennedy Library, the Athletics department and the Ethnic Studies department, among others. Since his retirement, Chandler has received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award and membership in the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame. The Student Affairs staff award for outstanding service has also been named the Chandler Award.



The quilt project in the Chandler's honor was coordinated by Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Denise Campbell, who is completing her dissertation on African-American quilt aesthetics and cultural representation. Campbell is also a quilt artist focusing on spiritual and African American themes. One of her quilts is currently on national tour with the "Threads of Faith" exhibition which debuted at the Museum of Biblical Art in New York City.

For the Cal Poly scholarship quilt project, Campbell and other quilting team members asked staff in the Student Affairs Division to submit colored quilt block designs on paper in fall 2004. They received 100 design submissions. The team converted 49 of them into colorful quilt blocks. In the translation from crayon drawings to fabric, the team made "a beautiful vibrant quilt," said Campbell.

The Student Affairs Office is currently holding a raffle for the quilt; tickets are \$1 apiece or six tickets for \$5. To

purchase tickets, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at (805) 756-1521, or Campbell at [dcampbell@calpoly.edu](mailto:dcampbell@calpoly.edu). The raffle will be held Sept. 29; winner need not be present for the drawing.

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*Editors: a photo of the quilt and Associate Vice President Denise Campbell is attached.*

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